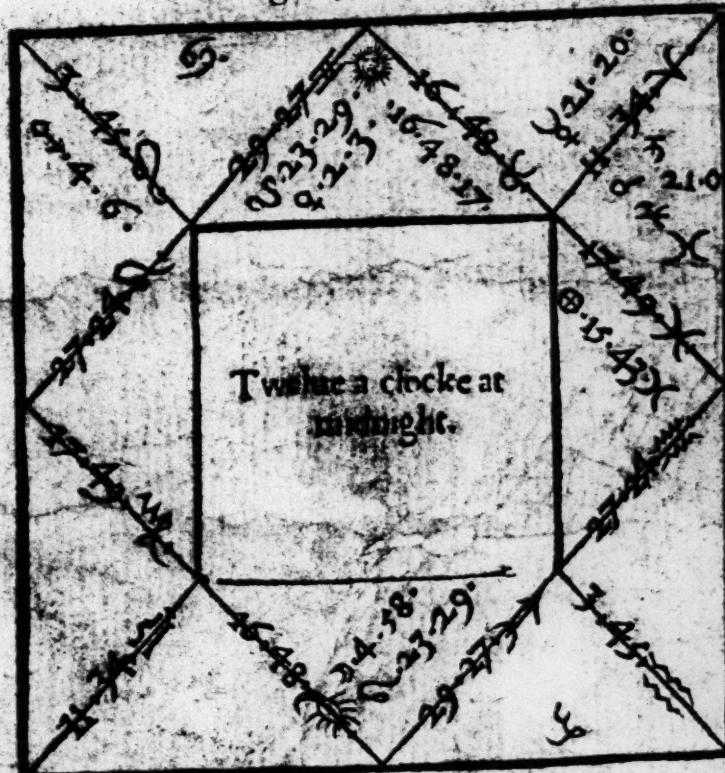


# Fearfull and lamentable effects of two dangerous Comets,

which shall appeare in the yeere of our Lord,  
1591. the 25. of March.

Wherein both man and woman shall find theyr  
naturall inclination, and accidentall  
or necessarie mischieves.

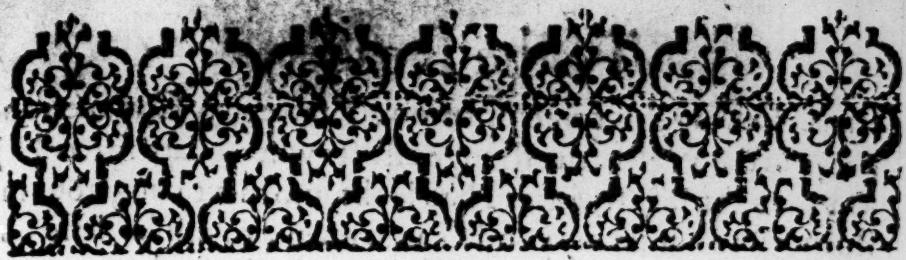
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# The Epistle to the Reader.



Hen I had misused the learned Astronomicall discourse of *Adam Fowle-Weither*, (freendlie Gentlemen,) I thought good (in that I was his familiar friende) to discouer my hidden tallent, and eyther to name things I know not, or els to make you smyle at nothing. Looking vp therefore toward the East, I espied *Aquarius* pouring out of liquorour, *Mercurie* digging graues in the firmament, and the Moone scratching *Venus* by the face for meere freendshyp. For this cause I questioned with them, and the first tolde mee, that water was so weake an element in the worlde, that women and men had scarce teares sufficient to bewaile theyr sinnes, and (because certain infelious Planets promised a death of Onyons) *Aquarius* of conscience poured downe water, for feare Widdowes shoulde want moysture to bewaile theyr husbands funerals. *Mercurie* as hee sweat at his worke, so he swore vnto me, that hee laboured no more but for those, that shoulde waxe beggers by giuing of almes: whereupon I counsailed him to take his ease for an age, for in our time the world is so faire from giuing, as a nyggards purse will scarce bequeath his Maister a good dinner. *Luna* scratcht *Venus* by the face for no other occasion but this, that the one swore shee was more lasciuious, than the other incon-

## To the Reader.

stant. During this contemplation, I sawe two Commets appear in the West, (the strange effects whereof are so terrible) as I thought it best, (after I had lookt into theyr dangerous influence,) to aduise my good Countreman, to drinke lesse, if they loue their eyes: sweare lesse, if they looke for heauen: and spende lesse, least they loose their credite.

Yours in a pottle of the  
best at any time. Simon  
smell-knaue.

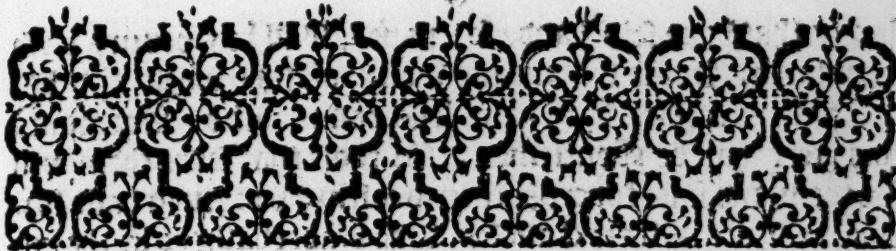


## Martin Merry-mate, in prayse of the Author.

O F woonders great,  
He dooth intreat,  
That wrote this Booke:  
Who seekes his name,  
That mad. the same,  
H. may goe looke.  
If any striue,  
For to conirue,  
More toyes in one:  
For all these sturres,  
He yeeldes the Spurres,  
And will haue none.  
If any beare,  
A curios eare,  
And cannot iudge:  
By my consent,  
Shall be content.  
To be a drudge.  
For good is goo'd,  
Tho Momus broode,  
Will nedes correst:  
The wise in Schooles,  
Will play the fooles,  
For some respect.  
In vayne they push,  
That in a Rush,  
Will finde a knot:  
And seekes for faultes,  
Where be that haltes,  
Denies them not.

## Martin Merry-mate, &c.

Who doth correct,  
Without respect,  
Nor knowing why  
Ablas ablas,  
May catch an Ass, in a plain vhole tunnell  
Before he dye.  
I them bequeath,  
A painted sheath,  
To them perdie:  
That sware and stare,  
The stile is bare,  
And knowe not why.  
For mincing vaynes,  
And curious braynes,  
When all is done:  
Thers nothing lets,  
But they with nets,  
May catch the Moone.  
And if they happe,  
Within thir trappe,  
To catch the same:  
If she say this,  
I judge amisse,  
Let me haue blame.



## The daungerous influence and o- peration of the first Comet, which shall ap- peare in the West, in the yeere of our Lorde, 1591. the 25. of March.



His westerne Comet, cal-  
led by the Latins Barbata, by the  
English berded, (according to the  
opinion of Iohannes de Sacro-Busto  
our Countriman,) hath greatest  
operation in those Countries wher-  
in it woketh. And drawing the vi-  
cious humours frō the Earth, and  
the malevolent aspeas frō the Pla-  
nets, signifieth, that long bearded men are not the wisest, nor  
the most gratest in looks, the most holie in life. Haly sayth,  
that the colour of thys prodigious Starre bēing red, prognos-  
ticateþ, that redde WINE shall be good drinke with Oysters,  
and that Maidens shall blush more this yeere for shame, then  
for shamelessness: but men had neede to be wary about this  
time, least conning too much with Venus, they banish theyr  
heare from their heads, and by that meanes make the poore  
Barbers beggers for want of worke. Such as climbe aboue  
theyr reach, are mightily threatned also, and such as clipp that  
they shold not: the one being assured of a Counterchecke, the  
other of a cord. The three extended beames, which to þ North-  
west shall appeare most bright, foreshew, that in those Coun-  
tries, such as haue most gold, shal haue least grace: and Gen-  
tlemen

lemen that haue sold Lande for paper, shall buy penury wif  
repentance. Some that meane well, shall fare worse, and he  
that hath no credit, shall haue lesse commoditie. Bargaints  
this yere shall be Gentleman, for those that feare them will  
see them, and since long Hare is so costly, poore men haue for  
warne Hare in their Caudles. The Haberdashers by the na-  
turall operation of this Comet, are fortunate, for olde Battes  
new triind shall not last long, & harpe shillings shall not passe  
for twelue pence. Such as are cholericke shall not want woe:  
and they that want money, may fall on Fridaies by Statute.  
Men that are studious (according to the opinion of Reis) are  
fortunate if they list, for they reade that whiche is good, a  
poore man may buy thre Wallets for a halfe penny. But a-  
mong all and wonderfull operations of this Comet, we shall  
haue a dreadfull warre betwixt the wife and husbande for su-  
perioritie, in such sorte, as the wife shall sitte playing in the  
Chamber aboue, while the husband stands painting beneath.  
Brokers shall by fatall aspectis of this Star, be knaues by Let-  
ters patentes: and Thurifers, for fwe markes a pece, be buied  
in the Chauncell, though they haue bequeathed theyz soules to  
the devill.

Auen Reis writing vpon the great yere which is to come,  
with wonderfull insight espied this secret incident, by reason  
of thyg retrograde influence, and therupon saith thus. Coun-  
tines that haue they Pole elevated 53. or there abouts, shall  
(by reason of a Comet in the yere of our Lord 1591. be high-  
lie troubled with warres, commotions, sicknesses, & plagues,  
the spirit among the godly, shall warre with the flesh, & good  
men shall be at deadly feude with bad mens loose lyuing: there  
shall be warre betwixt the fourme knaues At carders for slope-  
rioticke, and twixt false dice and true for antiquitie. Musca-  
dines in Vintners sellers, shal indite their Maisters of com-  
mission: and Bailies shalbe contented to arrest any man for  
theyz fayres. Alewives shall sell fleshe on Fridaies without by-  
cence: and such as sell beere in halfe peny pottes, shall utter  
Button and fagots for siluer through the whole yere. Those  
that are past shaine, shall smyle at sinne: and they that care  
not

not for God, preferre money before conscience. There shall be many tempestis this yeare, footestoiles shall flie without wings: and poore men shall be accounted knaves without reasoun: thole that flatter least, shall speeche worst: and pygges shall daunce antiques with hels about their neckes, to the wonder of all swaine-hearts. Some shall be costlie in theyr cloaks, carrying hollow harts under holy shapnes, and manie shall weare hoods that have little learning. Some shall surfe of too much witte, and striue so long against the stremme, as theyr neckes shall fail them. Some shall builde fayre houses by brybes, gather much wealth by contention: and ere they are aware, heape by riches for another, and leacheone se for themselves, in uteri iusti, and let them in apidit omnia illa.

Some shall haue a tympane in their bellies, that shal cost them a child-bearing, and though the father haire the charges, it shall be a wiste child shal know his father. Some shall haue a palcen in theyr teeth, in such sort, as they shall eate more then ther shalbe able to pay for: some such a sacrament in their eyes, as they shall not kepe by a poore mans frantement from theyr glorie. Some such a stoppynge in their harts, as they shal be utterly destinate to receiue grace: some such a buzzing in their ears, as they shall be enemies to godly counsaile: some such a smell in their noſtles, as no heart shall escape the iugement of their presence: some shall be hym boynde to heire, thair felnes, as remember wanyng. Domes shall gette them alme, with poore rebukes ther patrimonie, and yet haue iudgement of al our conſumptione are mightily threatened by the aspects of this retrograde. Some, so ſame that he ſhall be conſumed in their members, as they ſhall find neare a good ſorpe in their heads. Some ſo alredy in their walkes, as they cannot keepe one awaſe from a ſaint ſame for conſumptione in mynde, as they ſhall find neare a good thought to bleſſe themſelues: Some ſo diſguised in purſe, as they count it amrikyng to haue one penney to buþ their dinners on ſundayes: ſome ſo conſummed in conſcience, as they count iugement dealing the heift bane of their occupation. But amongſt all men my friends the Employers, you are highlie threat-

threatened by this influence ; so you shall kill those innocent  
poultry by custome, then your wifes and Haudes can sell  
with good conscience. The Bakers, Woodmongers, But-  
chers and Jewers shall fall to a nighte comspiracy, so that  
no man shall eyther haue bread, fire, flesh, or drinke without  
credite, or reable money. Schollers in the Westerne shal bet-  
ter loue fygges on Tharsday, then swinges on Friday, and  
Maydes about midnight, shall see wondrous visions, to the  
great hart grise of theyr Mothers. Hypocophants about thys  
time, shal haue great gifts, and vertuous and godly labours  
shall be scarce worth granteing.

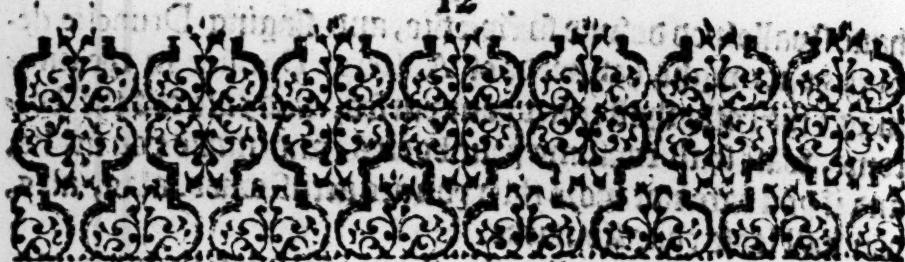
Opinions shall raigne mightily this season, so that some  
shall weare Bibles at their Barks, that know not a B. from  
a Battalore, and talkie mightily of the Chancell, that never  
came into the Churchoze. Lawyers by the influence of thys  
Court, are wonderously forewarmed, that if they pleade none  
but poore mens cause without money, Westminster Hall  
shall be little troubled with rich men, to the great impouer-  
ishing of all Peccatoggers, Lyters, Wymmers, and Cutpur-  
fess. Whole that sing bases, shall loue good dynt, and Trum-  
petters that sound trebles, shall ware by custome : Women  
that weare long Clothes, shall in shynge much dace, and  
they that keepe a temperate bosome, shall haue blissturres. But  
Hesperus with frendry aspe beholding this malivolent Co-  
urt, predicted good fortune to Singlers and Doubleures, so  
looke what they get by the syde of them, they may spenue at theyr  
pleasures, and if the Prelates pay them any thing beyonde  
count and remembryng, if they willbe neare Hospital therewith,  
they may employe it in apparel, and haue a good end.

315Aunce I saue, that hole compaynes in this yearre are very  
dangerous, and they that will haue good spauish lucke, shall  
about Julie be serued with a Pierle facies. But oh you Ale-  
kinnes, you that deuoure the marrow of the spault, & drine  
whole Alekes into consumptioun, that sing In Creke where  
Dedalus boord a ship, and tell Spauish newes ouer an Alepot,  
howe unforlunate are you, who shall pille out that which you haue

had swallowed downe so sweetlie, and singing Druncke de-  
metis ouer night, had neede of Absterge Domine in the mor-  
ning: the rotte shall infect your purses, and eate out the bot-  
tome, wast shall consume your bodies, and make you sicklie,  
and if you eate not more then you are accustomed, alas, alas,  
you wil loose your stomacks.

There shall among all euils, (by my speculation and know-  
ledge,) no one be so rife as the Humpsumus, which shall make  
some womenes tops so bigge, as they shall long to kisse other  
besides their husbands. Others cheekes to swell so monstrous-  
lie, that they cannot speake in a lust cause, withoutt large ses.  
Peache there shall many Monsters rife in our Nation, some with  
long tongues, which shall tell all they heare: some wyth no  
braines, which shall meddle much and know little: there shall  
be such varietie of wonders, such strange inundations, such  
miraculous commotions, as such as haue no seyre, shall gye on  
anonther: and No shall exceede so farre beyonde his boundes,  
as many straights that be so swoln in liquor, that therupon  
yon ioll scotche the woppe. Some by pargative Drugs, shall  
have such commotions in their bellies, that if nature help not,  
the womenes in the Churches of London, shall keepe they  
Christmas at Midsummer.

But Taylors by this meanes shall haue more conscience,  
for where they were wont to spoyle but one quarter of a cloak,  
they shall haue due Commission to nick their customers in the  
lace, and take more then enough for the newe fashion sake,  
beside theyr oldfées. Poets and Players shall be Kinges by  
this meane, for the one may haue by authoritie, the other cogge  
to shoul contredre the one as necessary in a Commonwealth, as  
a scandale in a Chainede, the other as famous in idlenes, as dis-  
solue in living: Next in their maiesties for communite, hol-  
ding Auctorite Axidome for Aucterntiall: Bonam quo commu-  
nitatem, et saeva: And thus much for the first true and Methodi-  
call explanation of this Comets operation in the les inferior  
parts, wherof I would advise all men to looke with spectacles,  
least if they shal obiect many wise lines, they were blinde with  
reading.



The subtil, secrete, and delightfull influence of the Crinit Comet, which shall appeare at West and by North, after twelve of the clock at midnight, or els neuer, to all sorts of maried folke especially, the 25. of March. 1591.



Lato the Prince of Philosophers, with others, looking into the accesse alteration of states, saith: What generally Comets doe appere, whē some dangerous change is to follow. And Aristotle, a man of rare and exquisite judgement, thinketh that Crinit Comets haue their particuler working in private houses, as well as in Common Weales. For which cause, let those married men of weakest witt, and worse courage, provide themselves of goed weapons to defend them from assaults, for about the houre and yeare appointed, shal this Feminine Comet appere, putting such martiallourage in all wives, that they who haue had them will to this houre, will (if they may chuse) haue the maister of all the yeare after. But at this instant their value shall be doubled, for they who shall not valiantly resist them, are awarde to pay a shropes head to their neighbour in penance of their follie. And to make no long story, It shall be wonderfull to beholde (through this sinister influence) howe men that are deafe, shall heare no more then

those that are dead: and such as are without teeth, shal cheue  
as little as babes newe borne. Women that every morning  
taste a pinte of Malmesye and Dyle, shall chide as well as they  
that drinke small Beere al the winter: and those that haue  
no regard of they honestie, may straine a point beyond me-  
ritie.

¶ Extra Pater with prouident judgement, looking into these  
dameatable unries, incident in these westerly parts, sayth:  
that Dyle of Holly is a present remedy for a shewd hulwife,  
calling Hocares flatte foole, that suffered his wife to crowne  
him with a pifpot. Eßer Catues shall indite Butchers kniues,  
and who soever wil proue a partiall Juror, shall haue a hote  
sheepe skyns for his labour. The belles of Barking by thyg  
influence, if they breake not, are warranted to ring wel: and  
of the Conduit heads want not water, the Tankarde bearers  
shall haue one Tasterd more to theys soleinne dinner. Paules  
Church is in wonderfull perill thyse yeere, without the helpe  
of our conſionable bretheren, for that day it hath not eyther  
Broker, Maisterlesse man, or pennilesse companion in the  
middle Isle of it, the Thuners of London haue ſworne to be-  
low a newe steeple upon it.

¶ But as concerning tydes, good Lord what a strange me-  
tamorphosis shal we haue: for the Moone being ruled by the  
Moone, which (as our potaten or Poets say) is a Woman,  
are so mutabile, that when the Moone is at Northweast, if it  
be not full sea men shall walke ouer betweene both the block-  
houses at Grauelend, in a payre of Spanish pumpes and pan-  
toufles without any wetting: beside, if Dauncers keepe not  
side and time in theys Measures, they shall forſet a fat Shoole  
to their Teacher, for their brenben iuggements. French poocks  
this yeere, shal be worth threewrikes diet: and they who  
haue but one shyre to ſhift them, may straine curtesie to weare  
a ſoule one upon Sunday.

¶ Tripolines by this influence, shoulde be exquiste phili-  
ſtines, for in one offall they ſhall ſind more ſimples, then ever  
Gallen gathered ſince he was christened. It ſhall be admirabilis

to see howe all kind of Kie shall prosper about this time, in so much, as not onely upland grounds shall be plentifully stored therewith, but also in high Waies, it shall so prosper, as the Falkes thereof, shall almost touch the top of Liborne.

About Autumne, if the Blome be not blotted, will be soms store of fruite, & Caterpillers this yere shall be so plenty, that they shall not onely devour the blossomes on our trees, but the best of our possessions. There shall come many Woldars from the west with two legs, who shall devour whole families: and Regulators, that shall foretale markets wonderously. There shalbe great noyse of wars in Lancashire, and wine shall make some so venturous, as they will destroy the King of Spayne and all his power at one draught. There shall be triste in all occupations, heretys in all Religions, and those that are penitent in this world, shall haue comfort in a better. It shall be wonder to see how wilke weaners shall prosper, if they wash theyr handes cleane this Lent, for otherwile disobeyng theyr worke, they shal lose their Woldars. Walors shall leave building in steeple, and dwel in Citties, and such as are conuincing in Musique, shall know a Crochet from a quauer: but lette such men as instruct youth be very circumspect, for if they learn more then theyr Masteres can teach them, they shall forfeitte theyr wittes to those that bring them dy.

Julius shall walke about the Waye this latter time, and sell his neighbour for commodity to any man. But the Jewes shall be otherwise disposed, for having taken but a penny in the shilling this sir yere, they shall knowe with a god conscience, venture upon three pence with the advantage. There shall fro the superlity of mens bristes, and the subtil spetnes of the devill, a delightfull, yet dangerous Speller be hatched by his parte, which being miraculously gotten by conceipt, shall be more maruellously christned without water, and called Philautia. This hideous Tyrant shall so raigne in our time, that many men shall thinke their opinion is theyr God, that many women shall imagine there are none fairer then themselves. The Cobler shall saye the Shoemaker is a botcher, and Cherrills shall

shall swaare, he is more learned then Homer. Many men shal  
proue themselves apparantly knauish, yet in their owne op-  
mons will not be so . And this onely Monster shal be of such  
power, that if Folly ( Erasmus god ) shoud repugne, Philautia  
neverthelesse will proue his Maister.

Demes about this tyme shall be ercellent : for some shall  
so longe deuise for other men, that they will be barraine them-  
selves. Some shal deuise nouelties to shame themselves: some,  
snares to entrappe themselfes: yea, Vulcan shall make a nette  
to entrappe Venus, and Iehouie shall lay a snare to entangle  
Vulcan. There shall be many Fortune tellers this yeere, that  
shall shute a knaus in a circell, and looking about for the deuil,  
 finde him lookis in theyz bosome. Strife and discord, shall be  
kings about this tyme : and the Rebels in Fraunce, are pro-  
mised to fare no worse then the Hernies among Foxes. To-  
quors and Plurallies shall be of no power, for zealous gouern-  
ment shall restrayne them, to the great increase of the godly.  
Theiles shall be as odious, as they are careless: who depen-  
ding on selfe and not on GOD, may chaunce loke through  
such narrowe Lasses, as the whole worlde shall laugh, to see  
unpiety sequestred from impunity . But my deere Friendes,  
the Crokers are plentifullly blessed, for theyz Figgies and Kai-  
sons shall assure faire Lasses: yea, and men shal bee so kinde  
hearted, that a Kite and an Apple, shal serue to make them In-  
nocentes.

Many strange events shal happen this yeere, in those  
houles where Virgo is predominant with a Maister, but  
wants a Mistris to loke narrowly unto her: for, the influence  
of the Crokers shoppes, beeing elevated within a lewe sweete  
degrees, presageth that some shamelesse queanies shall bee still  
gadding about the streeches for Figgies, Almonds, and Com-  
fets, and that without regard of witt or honestie. But Iupiter  
in a fauourable aspect, foreseing some inconueniences that  
might ensue, hath given this Town, to the chiese Lord of every  
Manstor: that where many Clynts are styl knocking at the  
doore, to enquire after the small seruants, let them quicklie

rydde they houses of such impudent drabbes : for, according to the opinion of Ptolomy , such huswifes are never halfe honest, that are so vsually frequented, and dayly hunted after.

Tydes thys yeere shall mount beyond they boundes, in somuch, as they shall spread they armes about mens neckes, and worke myracles, as wel among men as marshy grounds. Alcumists shall multiply beyond reason, for thinking to turne they Tubbes, Bowles, Beddes, and household stuffe to gold, they shall suddenly with a Lente, fire a little Bol Armonicke, Quick siluer, and Bitumen, blow away all they wealth to nothing.

There shal be myghtie and many takers also; for some ones woulde be taken for wise, who is an Idiote ; some wyl take crackt Angels of poore Debtors : and a quart of a Pipcrust when they cannot gette a pottle. Some will take their neighbours bedde for they owne : some the seruaunt for the Maister : and if Candels could tell tales, some wyl take a Familiar for a Flea, (I beshrow the bargaine.) There shal be many Fowlers thys yeere, who in steade of Larbes shall catch Lobcocks : and many to the West of the North, that sell they Frey holde for Peale pottage.

But alas, whither am I carried, leaving the greatest wonders unreckoned, and relying on the leste, There shall be great contention thys yeere, (by reason of this smiler influence) betweene Souldours and Archers, (if the fray be not decided,) at a potte of Ale and a blacke Pudding : for some shal maintaine, that a Turke can be hit at tweluescore pricks in Finisbry fielde, Ergo, the he wile and shafts warne Grando. Other shal say, that a potgun is a perillous weapon at a Hudspall, and an enemy to the Warriers woks. Among the contiouersies, Cupid beeing an Archer, shall decide the doubt, prouing, that Archerie is heauently, for in meditation thereof, he hath lost his eyes.

Oh gentle fellow Souldours, then leauue your contioueries if you loue a woman. For I will proue it, that a Winspie is better then a Musket, and he that dare gainsay mee, let him

him meete mee at the Woolsacke with a rase of pewter spoones, and I wil aunswere it. And if I say not that a Gun is the better weapon, he shal never be bound to serue with Bow and arrowes while he liveth.

The foute knaues in the Cardes, shal leape suddainlie from out the bunche, and desperatly prancke it on the stage. And some shall studie which way they may walke to catch them a stomacke to their meate, whilist other are as careful to get meate to fill their malwe. Men this yeere shall bee politique beyond reason, and write more in one line, then they can proue in an age. There shal be great persecution in the Common weale of Bitchin bes, so that some despe-rate Women, shall boyle, try, and seeth poore Tallowe, to the generall commoditie of all Tallow Chundlers.

Alas, alas, howe am I perplered to thinke on these times, for Housles that are not curtals, may happe to haue tayles. Some shall be so desperatly bent, as they shall goe into my Lord Maiors Butterie when all the barrels be ful, without eythersword or dagger about them. Manie men shall be so venturously disposed, that they shall goe into Brothell houses, and yet come out againe as honestlie as when they went first in. Taylors thys yeere shal invent newe fashions: and if these Easterly windes hold, we shal buy Cherries in summer for a pennie in the pound. Irish Aquauic abundantly taken about this time, shall make a man humble: and Grantam Steeple by the assistance of learned Masons, may perhappes be taught to holde upp his head manly againe. Thame's Water shall clens as much as ever it did before. And if the Breuer of Putney buy stoe of god Vault, they about Richmond and Hotelake, shal haue a whole quarte for a pennie.

Saint Thomas Dnyons shall be solde by the rope at Willingsgate: and Demisters in the Exchange shal become so conſionable, that a man shall buy a falling Bande for twelue pence. Smythes this yeere shal loue Ale wet. And

if it be possible to haue a frost of thre weekes continuance in Julie, men shall not be afraide of a god fire about Midsummer. Porters baskets shall haue authoritie to holde more then theyr Maisters can carrie. But such a drought shall come among Cannes about Cape S. Vincent that they shall never continue long filled.

The Images in Temple Church, if they rise againe, shal about this time digge downe Charingcrose with theyr fauchions. And Myllers shall haue small minde to Morning Prayer, if the Winde serue them in any corner on Sundaires.

Home in these dayes shall be monstrously sicke, carrying whole Popes in theyr bellyes: and some so knauishe subtil, that two pounds of Twiss, shall be but small theerie in a whole Webbe.

They that ride to the westward of Flowers and Cornes, if they catch not Wrasse men, shall come home poore. And such as seeks their watring at Launceronia, if they bee not hanged, impisitioned, whipped, or burned, if they run ouer hastilie to their shyp-boate, shall breaue their necks downe the Mountaines. Saylers shall use Spanish Fryars this yeere with great devotion, teaching them Iobs *Nudus in mani in Mundum*: And some of them shall haue so prosperous successes in their prayres, that they shall escape Purgatorie in the devils name.

But among all these changes, thre things shall continue in perpetual amerie if they be not severed, a Louise in an olde Doublet: a painted cloth in a Painter's Shoppe: a foole and his bable. These men shall delight in few things: to speake little, and hear much: to reade studiously, and to meditate often: to eate without surfeit, and to live as they would die. Bakers shall thrive by two things, shoores well paide, and Millers that are honest. Phisitions by other mens harmes. Churchyards by often burials. Onelie the poore Carter shall curse Aristotle, who sayth: *Corruptionem eius est generatio alterius*. Soylis his olde Carte be gonme, he hath

hath no stocke to buy another.

In the Northerly parts, the Cod shall be better solde  
then the Weane : and Hartseale among the Hearbwines,  
shall be worth as much as they can gette for it . And when  
sime things shall come to passe, the world shall ende, as A-  
uerois sayth .

When the Cat lets the Mouse alone.

When poore and rich agree in one.

When necessitie assayleth none.

When proude men weepe if beggers grome.

When all men seeke the Corner stome.

If not thre dayes after the ryse, yet one day after the set  
of this Comet, men shall catch hares with Tabers, and the  
swetting sicknes shall so raigne, that those which run foure  
score myle a fote on a winters day , shall haue a soze thirst  
about seauen a clocke in the euening . Such as are inclined  
to the Dropsy , may be cured if the Phisitions know how :  
and if there be no great store of Tempests, two halfe penny  
Loues shall be solde for a penny in white Chappell . Chau-  
cers bookes shall this yere, proue more witty then euer  
they were : for there shall so many suddayne , or rather sod-  
den wittes steppe abroad, that a fflea shall not friske forth,  
vnlesse they comment on her .

Oh what a detestable trouble shall be among women,  
about foure score and ten yere olde : for such as haue more  
teeth about them then they can use well, shall dye for age, if  
they liue not by myracle . Wees, if the Summer shalwe not,  
shall goe on Pilgrimage , and dye so farre in one day , as  
who so setteth vpp a land marke where they first light, shall  
haue a Tallent for his diligence and labour.

Deucalion and Pyrrhaes wonders in these yeres, shall  
be renued : for of stones shall come men , to the great astro-

nishment of all Rockes, Woods, Heas, Trēes, and Copices  
that behold it. Those that haue two eyes in their heads shal  
somtime stumble, and they that can neither wryte nor reade,  
may boldly quite themselues of forgery. Such as haue skill  
in Phisiognomy , this yere may perhappes tell more lyes  
then truth : and they that will sayle without compasse, may  
haue shipwracke without remedy.

To be brefe , the generall disposition of this time is so  
daungerous, that no man can thriue by trueth, since playne  
knauary was made a Gentleman. Gentlemen, you that o-  
uer heare this, beleue it if yee list, for I sette it downe as I  
pleased: let them that thinke I haue missayed, say they are  
wiser then I, and so I thinke them.



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**S**o The naturall inclynation, and accidentall mischieves, that may or can happen to man or woman, as farre as I know orgesse by these Comets: and first, of such as borne vnder Saturne.

*Saturnists.*

**S**Vch as vnder Saturne,  
Were borne at the first:  
When they want money and credite,  
Are at the worst.  
They that in Melancholie,  
Their dayes doe dispend:  
May proue very Mecockes,  
And mad in the end.  
Who pretend great knowledge,  
And are fooles indeede:  
May be sadde by occasion,  
Since they haue no better speede.

C. 3.

Thus

Thus far writeth Prolomy in his Almagist . Let therfore such men as are borne vnder this Planet, by my aduise, carry about them more golde then yron, if they can get it. But they that are giuen to a sullen complexion, if they be females , must be more circumspect : for if they repent theye hidden sinnes too much , they may chaunce catch heauen for theye labour.

Let Maidens borne vnder this Planet , beware to fall on theye backes, and men to put out theye eyes : for the one may catch a sorte wackes Feuo , the other no lesse insight in a blacke then in a booke, and thus much for this Planet.

 Of those that are borne vnder  
the royall aspect of Jupiter.



Iouialists.

**T**Hey that are borne,  
Vnder Jupiter I knowe:  
May perhaps catch corne,  
If they haue Lande to sowe.  
He that is prodigall,  
And lets his Crownes flye;  
If he spare not in time,  
shall a Begger dye.  
Who so marries without money,  
in midst of his dread:  
Shall at night,if he please,  
Finde foure bare legges in his bedde.

Thus

Thus writeth Rabbi Salomon, in his Booke Nullatenus, the first Chapter you can find. Those therefore that are borne vnder thys Planet, if so they be ritch, let them be sure of frendes: and if they be poore, I counsayle them to keepe money when they can gette it. Let such as haue no conscience, spyte their woxl, least they die in the deuils debt.

For the rest, if they haue more money then they nede, let them helpe their poore Neighbours.

### ¶ Of such as are borne vnder Mars.

#### *Marialists.*

Who so delighteth,  
In trouble and strife:  
I wish him for a plague,  
A wanton, curst wife,  
That while all the day,  
hee sets his Neighbours at iarre:  
At night his good wife,  
may teach him newe warre.  
Mis-fortune and sorrowe,  
betideth him still:  
That once lets a woman,  
to haue her owne will.

So divinely wrote Doctor Alcander, in his famous Prognostication. I wish therefore, all such as are subiect to

to hotte Rewmes , to drincke colde drincke : and those that  
have a minde to enrich Phisitions, to be neuer without de-  
seases.

Let such Houldours as haue no meanes to thrive by  
playne dealing, I wallow downe an ounce of surrope of sub-  
tiltie every morning , and doubtlesse they shall either thrive  
that waies, or I wil sware to minister vnto them heereaf-  
ter at no time, so latatine and loose Phisicke.

## ¶ Of such as are borne vnder Venus.

### Venerialists.

WHO is vnder Venus borne,  
Neuer doth a womar scorne:  
They that meane to thrive by loue,  
Must be bolde and quickly proue.  
If perchaunce they cannot get her,  
Let them seeke to winne a better:  
He that needes in age wil marry,  
Is a foole he did not tarry:  
Better were a man be dead,  
Then to haue a iealous head.

In such sorte Albumazer learnedly descended vpon Ve-  
nus. But you my dere friendes , that are borne vnder this  
kinde Geddesse, sute your selues handsomlie agaynst Goole  
feast, and if you make not a faire Lasse, betwixt Paules and  
Strat.

Stratford that day, I will bestowe a new suite of ſatten,  
upon you, ſo you will but beare all the charges.

As for you my friendes & Schollers, this yeere (and these  
wonders, together with the aspect of the Planets) will fa-  
vor you, for you ſhall dine vpon witte by Authority, and  
Venus ſo smiles vpon you, that if you pay your Hostesses  
well, no matter though you ſcore it vp till it come to a good  
round ſumme.

**S** Of ſuch as are borne  
vnder Mercurie.

*Mercurialists.*

**W** Ho vnderneath this ſubtille ſigne are borne,  
(If married folks) wil neuer loſe the horn:  
Who ſo in crafte and ſubtilty delight,  
Can play the knaues by day as well as night.  
A pound of Hempe, three ſtanders, & 3. flats:  
Are very fitte to make ſuch mates new hats.

**S**o writeth Rabadus, and hee hath reaſon for it. For  
a Knat is an ill Neighbour to a ſicke man: and a ſubtille  
companion a ſhewde morſell among plaine dealing peo-  
ple. Thys Planet being it ſelue ſubtille, hath many ſecrete  
operations, and doth foretell, that maids milke is good to  
heale kibde heelles, and a cuppe of Hache to bedward, a pre-  
ſent remedy for the Kervie.

Such as are ſicke in the ſpring, had neede take Phisicke  
by my coniecture: and thole that are colde, gette moie  
kleathes:

cloathes : and for all secrete meanes to prevent the retrograde aspect of this Planet, it is best to ride in long iourneys, least a man be wearie with going a foote : and more comlie to goe in broken stockings then bare legged. And thus much for Mercurie.

**S** Of such as are borne  
vnder Luna.

Lunarists.

**T**HIS inconstant Planet,  
foresheweth by kinde :  
That wethercocks are turned  
with euery winde.  
That a man whose complexion  
and courage is spent :  
May in steade of red herrings,  
eate Mutton in Lent.  
And wiues that loue walking,  
tho the husband say nay,  
Will seeke that they loue best,  
by night or by day.  
In breefe, who the working  
of this Planet would know,  
Must wot tis ill wiuing  
with a slut or a shrowe.

Oh divine Archelaus, thus daintilie hast thou writ-  
ten: for beeing one day in contemplation of a Calues  
heade, thou didst find that all things were mortall, be-  
cause certaine Hunters deuoured the flesh, & their hounds  
the bones.

So lively doe Wise men spye matter in the least  
things: therefore by the graue, wise, and Astrologicall  
aduise of these learned and industrious Fathers in the  
Mathematiques, gentle Readers let mee aduise you in  
generall of your disposition.

Some of you be leane, because you cannot be fatte:  
Some other corpulent by too much ease: Some loue  
Beefe passing well, because they cannot come by better  
meate. And other some simper it with an Egge at Din-  
ner, that dare make incision in a Shoulder of Cleale af-  
ter noone.

Some of you are sadde when you want money, and  
in loue with Widdowes, rather for their wealth then  
they; honellie.

Some suspect theyr Wives at home, because they  
themselves play false abroade. And other some loue a  
Bowling alle better then a Hermon. The most part of  
you (deere frindes) are politique in other mens mat-  
ters, and blinde in your owne.

I intreate therefore the Worshipsfull of every Par-  
rish, to take orde in this cause: and let each one helpe,  
and defende one another: and we shall haue such accord  
in our houses, as all the Crinite Comets in Christen-  
dome cannot disturbe vs of our sleepes, (I meane  
such Comets as were aprons: prettie wonders they be  
so they be well vsed.)

And thus much as touching the strange operations  
of the Planets, and influence of the soresaide Mirac-  
cles.

Wherin, if anie cracke or flawe shall be founde,

I gyde him that first findes the same , full leane and ly-  
cence to call me lyar . And if that seeme not halfe suffi-  
cient, I will be sworne to burne my Booke s, and knyt  
Nettes of Couentry blewe soz Woodcocks.



## The Epilogue.

**S**I was finishing this worke, an  
Oyster wife tooke exception a-  
gainst mee, and cald me knaue,  
because medling with sixe of the  
Planets, I had forgot *Sol*, vnder which shee  
was borne. And laying downe sixe Plaise  
to two pence, swore by her left legge , that  
Sundaie was the best day in all the weeke:  
and thereupon shee laide her wager : Mun-  
day quoth I woman.

During this contention , a Costermoun-  
ger, (a man of good conscience I warrant  
him) cutte me a fine Pippin in the middest,  
and

and saide: My freendes cease your strife,  
 heere are the tenne Precepts to be obserued  
 in the arte of scolding: therefore let not the  
 Cobler wade aboue his slipper. The Cobler  
 aboue his slipper, said *Clubb?* hee is a knaue  
 that made this prouerbe (quoth hee) for I  
 will cutte and sow a Spanish pantoffle, with  
 the proudest he in Westminster.

Heereuppon to ende this controuersie,  
 we fell all foure into the three Tunnes in  
 Newgate-market, where batling our pence  
 with the good-wiues plaise, we made a iolly  
 commicall ende of a haughtie controuersie.  
 Good freendes you that want your Dinner  
 this Lent, I wish you light on such a comi-  
 call fray. And so *Valete, & facete, & feli-  
 citer.*

# FINIS.